The invincible warriors

A Pakistani soldier sitting next to a milestone in the Indian town of Khem Karan.

Swayed by its military might and abhorrence for a peaceful neighbour, Indian guns roared and fighter jets took on sorties amidst advancement by Indian ground troops aspiring to capture Pakistan's bordering city of Lahore by the fall of night.

Pakistani soldiers atop captured Indian tanks.

The wee hours September 06 attack on Burki, Kasur and Chowinda sectors was massive, driven by India's desire for kneeing down Pakistani forces within hours and capturing important cities within a day.

But, they never knew that they had challenged a nation endowed with the passion of martyrdom and defence of their motherland till the last drop of blood. The countrymen had woken up perplexed listening to firing voices when the clarion call of Field Marshal Ayub Khan touched their ears, "India has attacked Lahore and Pakistan is at war" and around 100 million Pakistanis responded with faith and belief to their General's call.

Indian flag is being replaced by the Pakistani one at an Indian check post.

The spirit of nationalism surged and around a 100 million brave dwellers of The Land of Pure (Pakistan) manifested purity of their faith and bravery to thwart Indian aggression making the enemy to eat dust just in a few hours resistance. "It was an astonishing day. We woke up with the roar of fighter jets," said Abdur Razzaq Malik, a 61-year old citizen, who had witnessed the War of September 1965 as a minor.

"In this perplexing moment, people had gathered at our home to know the updates on the situation at the only radio in whole vicinity when the voice of President Ayub Khan resounded warning India of a lesson learning defeat," Razzak said.

Recalling the sounds of Pakistani fighter jets rising to the skies to defeat the cowardly enemy, Razzak said as soon as the President's speech ended the people started chanting slogans of

Allah-o-Akbar (Allah is the greatest) and resolved to fight the enemy till its defeat.

When Pakistan's valiant forces were fighting with the enemy on war front, the nation was busy in digging trenches, preparing food packets for soldiers and boosting their morale with invaluable support.

The whole nation stood united with singers, writers, intellectuals, civil bureaucracy, railway personnel, the police and students playing their due role. Ex-servicemen rushed to recruiting centers for presenting their service to fight on the front as singers galvanized the nation with patriotic songs. Shopkeepers generously donated daily use items for the soldiers fighting on the front.